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REMARKS

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1. No observation towers and no indications of any special Soviet plans were noticed in the area of Kluetz, 5 km west of Tarnowitz, on 16 February 1951.
2. No changes were observed along the border in the Salzwedel area prior to 16 February. There was a Soviet kommandatura with a guard unit of about 200 troops equipped with light mortars, and light and heavy machine guns in Salzwedel. A German Grenzpolizei unit, which was also stationed in the town numbered about 200 police who were equipped with pistols, **carbines** and six light machine guns. (1)
3. The Soviet detachment of one lieutenant and 18 MI and the German Volkspolizei unit of 24 police that had been stationed in Luedersdorf, east of Herrnburg, moved to Herrnburg on 20 February. Only a Kreispolizei detail of 4 police remained in Luedersdorf. No observations which indicated special intentions regarding border control were made in the area north and south of Herrnburg. (2)
4. Thirty Soviet soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were stationed in Schlagsdorf, northeast of Ratzeburg, on 20 February. No observations indicating any change in border control were made in the area north and south of Ratzeburg. (3)
5. A resident of Wadersbach stated that a unit of 60 to 70 soldiers, equipped with heavy machine guns and medium mortars and commanded by a lieutenant, moved into a house on the western edge of the town on 4 February. On 10 February, it was learned that two more buildings in the town had been requisitioned, but not yet occupied by the **Russians**. (4)
6. The Soviet detachment in Dippach was brought to a total strength of two officers and 30 MI on 10 February; the new personnel, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, arrived from the kommandatura in Gerstungen on truck. It was observed daily at 9 a.m. and

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5 p.m. that jeep [] patrolled the autobahn from the direction of Neustadt as far as Untersuhl, where it turned and drove back over the same route. (5)

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7. The two Soviet soldiers posted on the autobahn northwest of Gerstungen were observed on 19 February to be connected with the kommandatura in Gerstungen by a field telephone line.

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8. Soviet trucks [] were seen in Koepfelsdorf near Sonneberg on 22 February. (6)

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Comments.

- (1) [] reported on 6 January 1951 that there were no changes in the disposition of border guard personnel in the Salzwedel area.
- (2) In late January 1951, [] residents of Luedersdorf as saying that the Soviet kommandatura there was moved to Herrnburg. At that time, about 60 soldiers of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div were stationed in Herrnburg.
- (3) [] reported that about 10 soldiers had moved from the road-keeper's house between Schlagbruegge and Ziethen to Schlagsdorf at the end of January 1951. [] The unit in Schlagsdorf was identified as a component of the 94th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.
- (4) The location of a Soviet unit in Wiedersbach is reported for the first time. [] the unit belongs to the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.
- (5) [] reported on 10 February that the Soviet detachment in Dippach was billeted in the last house on the righthand side of the road to Leimbach. [] The motor vehicles observed on 10 February 1951 belonged to the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div.
- (6) The two trucks belonged to the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which is believed to furnish the military personnel on border duty in the Sonneberg area. []

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